

**Rear Admiral James W. Stevenson, Jr., USN
Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command**

A native of Boston, Mass., and raised in Virginia, Rear Adm. Stevenson graduated from Tulane University and was commissioned as an Ensign through the NROTC program in May 1976.

His sea tours include: Electronic Material and Warfare Officer, Anti Submarine Warfare Officer and First Lieutenant of *USS Richard L. Page* (FFG 5); Combat Systems Officer and Engineer Officer in *USS Aubrey Fitch* (FFG 34); Commanding Officer of *USS Engage* (MSO 433); Executive Officer of *USS Spruance* (DD 963); Commanding Officer of *Spruance*; Commander, Destroyer Squadron Fifteen; and Chief of Staff for Commander, Sixth Fleet.



Rear Adm. Stevenson's primary shore assignments include: Staff Combat Systems Officer for Commander, Destroyer Squadron Eight; Chief Military Secretary to the Director for Logistics (J4) for the Joint Staff; Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations for Commander, Naval Forces Central Command/Fifth Fleet; and Executive Assistant for Commander, U.S. Naval Forces, Europe/Commander, Allied Forces, Southern Europe. After being selected for flag rank, Rear Adm. Stevenson was assigned to Deputy, Chief of Naval Operations (Plans, Policy and Operations) (N3/N5) as the Director of Operations and Plans Division (N31). Rear Adm. Stevenson's previous assignment was as Commander, Carrier Strike Group Twelve. Rear Adm. Stevenson's current assignment is as Commander, United States Naval Forces Southern Command.

He received a Master's of Science degree in Information Systems from the Naval Post Graduate School.

Rear Adm. Stevenson's personal decorations include: Superior Service Medal; Legion of Merit (two Gold Stars); Defense Meritorious Service Medal (one Oak Leaf Cluster); Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (one Gold Star); and Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (one Gold Star).